

## REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2007. In the office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 24-36, 41-54 and 62-69;
- rejected claims 16-22 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dieffenderfer et al. (US 5,910,930) in view of Foss et al. (US 5,796,673); and

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 24-36, 41-54, and 62-69.

### *Overview of Changes to the Claims*

Claims 16-22 and 37-40 have been canceled. As a result, only allowed claims remain pending.

Applicant reserves the right to resubmit the canceled claims in a continuation application. Applicant disagrees with the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), for reasons that will be explained in a preliminary amendment filed with a continuation application.

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement is also being separately filed, by Express Mail, on the same date as the submission date of this response.

## CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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